

JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF CAPITAL SOCIETY DOINGS

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other prominent women on the committee are Mrs. Charles S. Hamlin, Miss Cordelia Aldis, Mrs. George Barrett, Mrs. Charles Keller, and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh.

The drive will be marked by many picturesque and spectacular events. Miss Evangeline Booth will speak here and will be the principal figure at a great open air meeting, possibly a series of meetings; and all manner of highly original events are promised. The Woman's Committee is planning a pageant, a gorgeous and colorful thing, to be given on Saturday afternoon, May 4, at the Sylvan Theater in the Monument Grounds.

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Mrs. Forrest, now with the War Camp Community Service, will direct the performance and will be assisted in putting on the pageant by a committee of girls, of which Betty Brooks is to be the chairman. Enid Sims, Mrs. Brownlow's talented young sister, is also helping with this phase of the work.

The pageant proper is to begin at 5 o'clock, but there'll be music beforehand—probably the Marine Band. And Paymaster General Samuel McGowan, U. S. N., has promised 250 yeomen—no, no, yeomen (F)—to serve as ushers and to help take up the collection which is to be an important feature of the program.

A soldiers, sailors, and marines ball will be given on the day the drive opens, Monday evening, May 19, to help raise the Washington quota. Plans for this are still in an embryo stage, but the details will be announced as they are completed. Mrs. John Allan Dougherty is chairman of the ball committee; Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh has charge of the sale of boxes; Charles J. Bell is treasurer, and Major William E. Fowler, chairman of the floor committee.

Altogether, there'll be something doing every moment while the drive is on, but I'm convinced that this is merely a matter of making assurance doubly sure. The appeal for funds can't fail, since the Salvation Army has 2,000,000 boosters in khaki who believe that it "delivers the goods." These boosters have seen the army at work in Flanders fields, in the very trenches, through the long night watches and believe—as do their "sisters" and their cousins and their aunts—"not to mention their sweethearts"—that the work so well done "over there" must be continued "over here."

Yes, Susan, the National Service School of the Woman's Naval Service, Inc., is going to have its annual encampment this year despite the fact that the war is over. Preparations are being made for a particularly interesting course; and, what's more, the resident school is to be supplemented by national service training classes for day pupils, and there will be special evening classes in practical agriculture, home gardening, and kindred subjects for teachers, Government workers, and other women whose hours of employment will not permit of their attending day classes.

You see, the women back of the National Service Schools, which, in 1918, sent out some 4,000 women trained to lead and organize the woman-power of the country, believe that the American woman must carry on

in national service. They contend that there is still constructive work for the organization, that the war energy of American women must be converted into constructive peace-time energy, and that the readjustment of our national machinery and industrial forces is a task which needs every trained American man and woman.

As for the military features of the encampment, they are merely incidental anyway. The committee found that pretty nearly every short cut to efficiency and speed, nearly every method of gaining the best results in the shortest time had been pre-empted by those interested for generations in such matters and was included in the comprehensive term "military training." Therefore, they have adopted a system of military training, slightly modified to suit conditions, as part of their curriculum, and count upon it to insure discipline, efficiency, and mental alertness, a certain power of self-effacement, and an understanding of how superfluous are many of the things formerly considered necessities.

The First National Service School was organized in Washington and the session which opens on June 15 and runs to July 5 will be its fourth encampment. Similar schools have been held in Chicago, San Francisco, Denver, Narragansett Pier and Chataqua, N. Y., also under the auspices of the Woman's Naval Service, Inc. The members of the national committee are Mrs. J. Ogden Armour, Mrs. John Temple Graves, Miss Alice Carpenter, Mrs. Richardson Clover, Mrs. Lafayette Campbell, Mrs. Frederick Colburn, Miss Maryell Gillet, Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, Miss Anne Hegeman, Mrs. Frank Hight, Mrs. Charles L. Husey, Miss Natalie Sumner Lincoln, Mrs. Leigh C. Palmer, Mrs. Henry R. Rea, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, Mrs. Alexander Sharp, Jr., Mrs. Henry G. Sharpe, Mrs. James M. Thomson, Mrs. Edward Wainwright, Mrs. Vyllie Poe Wilson and Miss Elizabeth Elliott Poe, chairman.

This year, as in former seasons, Miss Poe will be commandant, and the honorary commandants are Mrs. George Barnett, Mrs. Hugh L. Scott, Mrs. Gibson Fahnestock and Mrs. Julian James. Already a great many applications have been received, and it is necessary to get them in early, as there will be only one resident school this year.

Encampment at Little Falls.

The encampment will be held on the beautiful site at Little Falls and Condit road, where it was established last year and the year before. The course will include agriculture and home gardening, domestic science and household arts, reconstruction crafts, business arts, and a special Girl Scouts' training course.

In addition there is an officers' training course, something entirely new, which is designed to prepare women to be officers in other National Service School Encampments and for positions of like responsibility. Admission to this course is only for graduates of previous National Service School encampments. Girl Scout captains, students of schools having military courses, women who have had not less than six weeks' of weeks of military training; teachers and physical educators. From the graduates of this course will be selected the officers of the fifth encampment in Washington.

The training classes for day students will be held from May 12 to June 7, meeting at the camp at Little Falls or at the headquarters of the Woman's Naval Service, Inc., The Theodore Bailey Myers Mason House. No uniform will be required, but all are requested to wear short dark skirts and sensible shoes and hats to the outdoor classes. The evening courses will also be held between May 12 and June 7, some at the encampment and some at Mason House. The classes held at Little Falls will begin at 5:30 o'clock, and in order to conserve the time of the students box supper may be purchased at the post exchange. Doesn't it all sound interesting?

We've had two interesting weddings here this week, the marriage of Violetta Mercer and Dr. Billy Marbury on Wednesday and the marriage yesterday of Elizabeth Hamilton and Major William F. Tompkins, of the engineers corps. Both were very pretty. There weren't more than forty or fifty guests at the first, all relatives and very close friends of the bride and bridegroom; and the other was a small wedding, too, although a brilliant company assembled for the reception and breakfast which followed the ceremony.

Major Tompkins' bride is a daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hamilton and a niece of Miss Mary Merrick, that wonderful woman, who, despite the fact that she has been invalid since she was twelve years old, founded and organized the Christ Child Society, which does an amazing amount of good among children, and is still its active head. Two or three years ago Miss Merrick received the Loyola medal, a tribute given by an important Catholic university to Catholic laymen, who, in the opinion of the powers that be, has done the greatest amount of sociological aid during the year.

I would not be surprised, however, to hear that Mrs. Vanderbilt has decided to give up her house in Washington and make her headquarters in New York in future. She has been in New York most of the time for several months, and has recently taken on a long lease a large apartment in one of the fashionable apartment houses on Fifth avenue. Her daughter, Cornelia Vanderbilt, is scheduled to make her debut in the near future, and it would be a pity if she decided to come out in New York instead of Washington. However, it would be natural, for there's the large Vanderbilt clan to see that she properly fêted. Biltmore House, at Biltmore, N. C., which is her father's particular pride, is considered one of the most finest private estates in America, is now the property of Miss Vanderbilt, who inherited it on her father's death.

Community Opera Works

Way Into Blood.

With the smell of spring flowers we also have the smell of cosmetics in the air. Now that doesn't mean any reflection on vanity bags! It's the community opera that is getting into our blood and into our hearts.

I had a glimpse of the dramatic coach at work the other evening. He is none other than Dennis Connell, who "put across" so many of those plays given by the dramatic club of St. Patrick's Church.

The versatility of the dramatic coach is amazing. Why he doesn't go out and be Mme. Guiberti—and that means many sorts and conditions of stage people—is beyond me.

For truly the dramatic coach needs must be dainty prima donna, capricious corypheus, stalwart lover, or swaggering comedian. He walks with the chorus, laughs for the chorus—or wonders where the orchestra has melted to.

Meanwhile a vivid imagination has to inspire an amateur group with the picture of a scene, and with the motive in which they sing "Italian."

For be it known, Susan, our Community Opera is to sing—after it has safely launched "Bohemian Girl" this week—it is really to sing "Pagliacci" in Italian. Chorus principals—and I was about to say orchestra—will appear in the only original opera given by a group of war workers and home folks, in which the native language of the opera is to be used. I'm proud of the achievement.

It is all in line with the things the proverbially matter-of-fact American has been doing since the war came and made everybody do some or many things he had never attempted before. Now we can play and sing—not in a few groups, but all of us. We are learning to come out in the open and show how well we can devise all the art accessories of the opera, and of the pantomime, "May in an Italian Garden," which is the work of one of the class in dramatics at Carroll Hall, the War Camp Community Service School. It is to be used the same evening the Community Opera sings "Pagliacci."

They've three real prima donnas, Gretchen Hood—you remember her lovely Marguerite at her debut here, don't you?—then there is Mabel Coldestroth, who is to sing "Vedda," and a very charming one, too, I hear; and Gladys Price will, of course, repeat her success as Mabel in "The Pirates of Penzance."

If these other operas live up to the attractiveness of the chorus of "The Pirates," we will have all of the front seats filled at the opening of the doors.

Now that the United Service Club

No. 1, the little cafeteria for soldiers and sailors in Pennsylvania avenue, near Sixth street, has dispensed with volunteer services, half the girls in town must have that uncomfortable out-of-a-job feeling. For scores of the girls and young women of my acquaintance have helped out down there from time to time and have spent many busy, happy hours waiting on the hungry lads in the service and seeing that their wants were met.

On Wednesday last, just a year from the day it opened, the reorganization of the club-cafeteria on a much smaller scale and with paid workers to run it, went into effect. The change was made because the men in the service are rapidly thinning out here, the attendance at the cafeteria is falling off, and the work is slackening so that it would be difficult to keep the various teams busy.

Of course, the soldier and sailor boys can still drop in at the club when they feel inclined or can obtain a good meal at the cafeteria for the least reasonable price; but I suspect they'll miss the welcoming smiles of the workers in blue aprons and muslin caps and the feeling of home which their presence gave. On the word of the enlisted men themselves, this particular club, which is one of the many branches of the War Camp Community Service's work, has been decidedly the most popular one in town.

It is the only one which has been run entirely by volunteer workers, and part of its success lies in the fact that women of the highest type have had its interest at heart, and have been giving up several days each week to the work, making their way into the boys' hearts by their simple, homely way in which they have administered to their wants.

Success Entirely Due

To Women in Charge.

Mrs. Andrew J. Pizzini, of New York, wife of the president of a large railroad improvement company, who was also director of the canteen and motor division of the Red Cross, and Mrs. Reginald Walker, of Washington, were directly in charge of the canteen, and had associated with them in its organization such women as Mrs. Robert Lansing, Mrs. de Blampyre, Lady Grant, Mrs. Edward J. Crockett, of Chicago; Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr.; Mrs. George Vanderbilt, Mrs. John Jacob Rogers, Mrs. Snow, wife of Brig. Gen. William Snow, U. S. A.; Mrs. Clifford D. Mallory, Mrs. Frank C. Munson, Mrs. Kuhn, wife of Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Edwards; wife of Brigadier General Edwards, U. S. A.; it was Mrs. Edwards, by the way, who originated the idea of the service club for enlisted men, while General Edwards was stationed in Panama.

The men in the service are grateful for many things to the women who

ran the canteen under the old volunteer order, but particularly for the system of credits which they established to help the boys over the hard days which come through a Government practice of making no payments to soldiers except on the first day of the month.

During the days when the canteen was first organized Washington was full of highly specialized enlisted men, brought here to work in the various bureaus of training schools. Uncle Sam allowed them \$1.25 a day for food and \$20 a month for lodgings, a liberal enough allowance to be sure, but—frequently they would reach here, freshly enlisted, with twenty or twenty-five days before them before they could draw a cent of pay allowances. They had no money and no credit. Most of them were homesick and many of them too proud to write home for money, which, in many cases, could not be spared.

Some men in this situation begged food of restaurant keepers at the expense of their self-respect. The effect was far from good on the morale of the budding fighter and set him to saying hard things of the Gov-

ernment. Often the men would pour their woes into the ears of the sympathetic women at the canteen, and that set Mrs. Pizzini to thinking. Finally, when a detachment of forty men arrived from Syracuse, all dead broke, she acted.

All That Was Needed

Was a Recommendation.

She thought out a scheme by which, on the recommendation of his commanding officer, any soldier might have his food and lodgings charged up to him until pay day, when he settled his club bill, just like a regular fellow. It was all quite simple, but it involved an immense amount of work for Mrs. Pizzini and her right hand man, Mrs. Walker, who had to keep the records straight. They are exceedingly proud of the way things worked out, for, although they frequently allowed \$5,000 or \$6,000 of credit a month they lost practically nothing.

Volunteers Help Out

In Two Shifts Daily.

Since Mrs. Pizzini left Washington two or three months ago, Mrs. Walker has been in charge of the cafeteria.

She has been assisted by volunteer working in two shifts a day under the following captains: Mrs. Paul Hudson, Miss Helen Blodgett, Mrs. Bradie Davidson, Mrs. J. B. Custer, Jr., Mrs. Joseph E. Frellinghuysen, Mrs. E. C. Crockett, Mrs. Charles McDowell, Mrs. C. R. Drake, Mrs. Mary McComas, Mrs. Gar, Miss Josephine Patten, Miss Blanche Baker, Mrs. Charles Wooley, Mrs. B. D. Simms, Mrs. Reeve Lewis, Miss Edith Smalley, Mrs. John Jacob Rogers, Mrs. Sidney Tahaferro, Mrs. Charles Hayner, Jr., and Mrs. Paul Kelley.

The Saturday teams were in charge of Miss Elizabeth Groves, of the National Geographic Society, who had working with her girls from the same offices, girls who were unable to serve during the week and gave up their spare time to this work.

On Sundays girls from various offices of the Government had charge among them Miss Annie Whitney, Miss Katharine Mahr, Miss Marie Boyer, Miss Caroline Littlepage, Miss Clara Sparks, Miss Lillian Spencer, and Miss Alice Congher.

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